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REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, AUDITORS

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AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRADFORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

1872-1889

MARCH 1, 1872.

WITH A STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF
THE TOWN AND THE POOR FARM.

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1872.

REPORT.

OF

JOHN W. MORSE,

TREASURER FOR THE TOWN OF BRADFORD FOR THE
YEAR 1871.

1871.

Dr.

March. To cash received of Robert M. Wallace, Treasurer for 1870, being the balance in his hands on settlement,	\$3,918 03
of Selectmen, at sundry times, money hired by the town in the course of the year,	6,204 13
Timothy P. Jones, Collector of Taxes for the year 1867,	4 02
do do 1868,	6 71
do do 1869,	86 86
do do 1870,	2,200 00
do do 1871,	5,600 00
10 per cent interest collected on Tax books 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871,	55 00
of Selectmen for Savings Banks dividends,	450 39
for Literary Fund,	78 60
County Paupers,	145 82
Railroad Tax,	197 91
Agent of Poor Farm,	92 09
for use of Town Hall,	28 50
of Joshua Eaton for burying ground lots,	14 50
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	\$19,082 56

John W. Morse, treasurer of the town of Bradford for the year 1871.

1871.		Cr.
March 3.	By cash paid Peter C. Gregg, abatement of Poll Tax,	\$ 3 00
4.	Hugh M. Craige, repairing highway,	6 75
9.	Jesse Carr, school money, U. S., No. 1,	358 86
10.	Mason B. Presby, repairing highway,	27 24
10.	Mason B. Presby, damage done sheep,	4 00
11.	Robert M. Wallace, getting Town Reports printed,	4 25
11.	John F. Davis, damage done sheep,	10 00
11.	McFarland & Jenks, printing Reports.	64 00
13.	Francis M. Farley, interest on note,	18 00
13.	Francis M. Farley, part payment on note,	100 00
20.	Stephen Cheney, part payment on note,	150 00
23.	Rial Rowe, part payment on note,	400 00
25.	Joseph W. Ward, repairing highway,	2 50
25.	Robert Colby, repairing highway,	5 02
25.	Ward L. Day, assistance county paupers,	5 00
25.	Ward L. Day, water trough,	3 00
27.	Joel Peasley, payment of note,	577 47
28.	Emely Hadley, part payment on note,	100 00
28.	Samuel Andrews & Son., wood for H. Presby,	8 95
28.	Samuel Andrews, breaking roads,	6 50
31.	Joseph W. Marshall, pay note,	54 13
31.	Page W. Cofran, pay note,	221 54
April 1.	M. W. Tappan, retaining fee,	25 00

April	1.	By cash paid	Oliver Perkins, payment note,	575 53
	5.		Dorcas Farson, part payment note,	50 00
	7.		Morrill & Silsby, stationery,	12 98
	7.		S. M. Dinsmore, cer. births and deaths,	2 00
	7.		W. B. Carpenter, payment two notes,	214 35
	7.		William H. Sawyer, payment two notes,	421 94
	7.		Lucy Jane Andrew, payment one note,	71 44
	8.		William O. Heath, part payment on note,	175 00
	14.		James Brown, int. on note,	105 00
	29.		W. B. Carpenter, payment on note,	452 77
	29.		S. Dana Smith, damage done sheep,	5 50
May	5.		Hubbard N. Nichols, repairing highway,	5 10
	6.		Minot, Tappan & Mugridge, execution, G. Hart & others,	52 33
	8.		Fred Cheney, repairing highway,	2 25
	11.		Osmon Bailey, part pay note,	100 00
	13.		Sally Ring, part pay on note,	241 19
	17.		Mason B. Presby, repair highway,	8 50
	20.		John West, medical aid, Onslow Hoyt,	5 00
	27.		Jonah Campbell, support of F. G. Haskell,	39 00
June	1.		James M. Blodgett, support of Jos. Stiles,	5 00
	2.		Henry Piper, part school money,	39 00
	2.		Wm. D. Sawyer, cutting ice, G. Hill,	3 00
	6.		Almina F. Davis, part payment on note,	10 00
	17.		James Hoyt, land damage,	65 00
	20.		S. Dana Smith, repairing highway,	12 80
	21.		Heirs of Eleazer Steel, land damage,	30 00

June 21	By cash paid Joshua Eaton, part payment on note,	172 22
22.	Edwin Nichols, part of school money,	40 00
23.	Zadoc Lord, land damage,	225 00
24.	Isaac Proctor, "	235 00
27.	Union Congregational Society on note,	211 00
28.	George Murdough, part of school money,	20 00
July 5.	D. F. Muzzey, part of school money,	19 30
10.	James M. Blodgett, support Jos. Stiles,	6 00
20.	Mason B. Pressy, part of school money,	63 00
20.	Jonah Campbell, support of Mrs. Haskell,	28 00
20.	Levi H. Eaton, part payment building road,	50 00
21.	Emely Hadley, payment of note,	241 18
24.	Jackson Dowlin, support of Jos. Stiles,	6 00
26.	Albert Peasley, part of school money,	42 00
29.	William Marsh, sawing wood for H. Presby,	9 00
29.	Phebe H. Marsh, part payment on note,	30 00
29.	William B. Fifield, bridge plank,	5 92
29.	Albert S. Eaton, part of school money,	30 00
29.	H. C. Felch, part of school money,	190 00
Aug. 7.	James Emery, payment three notes,	677 73
14.	William O. Heath, auditor,	2 00
15.	Sawyer & Martin, goods for Hazen Presby,	14 00
15.	Charles F. Davis, auditor,	2 00
16.	Hollis C. Brockway, repairing highway,	1 80
19.	James Cheney, interest on note,	9 00

Aug. 25.	By cash paid John H. Collins, part pay- ment on note,	45 00
26.	Hugh M. Craige, interest on note,	62 77
29.	M. E. Clough, damage to car- riage,	5 00
56.	William Marsh, Jr., sawing wood, H. Presby,	2 00
Sept. 2.	George W. Tucker, Town Clerk,	35 00
2.	John E. French, constable, 1869, 1870,	22 12
5.	Levi H. Eaton part pay on road,	50 00
18.	Levi H. Eaton, part pay on road,	200 00
30.	Moses J. Collins, school mon- ey,	53 91
30.	George T. Dunfield, part pay agent,	112 50
30.	Levi H. Eaton, balance on road,	291 50
30.	Minot & Co., county tax,	1,230 40
Oct. 2.	W. B. Carpenter, int. on note,	12 36
7.	Almina F. Davis part pay on note,	60 00
17.	Dorcas Farson, part pay on note,	105 00
19.	James M. Hoyt, bal. school money,	53 80
21.	Francis M. Farley, payment of note,	110 00
26.	Edmund P. Ring, payment of note,	52 56
Nov. 1.	Parker P. Craige, M. W. Ea- ton, non res. highway tax,	11 25
4.	Prescott Colby, plank and work on bridge,	1 75
4.	Prescott Colby, amount of school money,	42 23
13.	James M. Hoyt, labor on highway,	21 51
18.	Nathan R. Marshall, part pay on note,	30 00
23.	William O. Heath, school house tax, in No. 1,	100 00

Nov. 25.	By cash paid Eben U. Wright, payment of note,	710 66
25.	Joseph F. Buswell, clothes for Jos. P. Stiles,	9 00
25.	Robert Colby, school money,	4 28
25.	Robert Colby, labor on highway,	1 00
25.	Blood & Peasley, railing on new road,	12 00
25.	L. Littlehale, board selectmen,	18 00
25.	L. Littlehale, keeping transient paupers,	13 50
Dec. 2.	Hiram Farrington, interest on note,	314 96
9.	L. W. Cogswell, State tax,	2,226 00
11.	Eben Cheney, payment of note,	178 92
11.	James M. Blodgett, school money,	79 94
11.	Joseph W. Marshall, part pay on note,	70 00
25.	George W. Murdough, bal. of school money,	39 96
30.	Alburtus B. Blood, labor on road and plow,	18 00
1872.		
Jan. 1.	Edwin Nichols, bal. of school money,	72 45
8.	Henry Piper, bal. of school money,	56 59
22.	Charles O. Bailey, payment on note,	324 10
22.	Charles O. Bailey, payment of note,	143 10
23.	Eli Dodge, auctioneer.	4 00
22.	Benjamin F. Putney, support of Judith Putney,	43 50
24.	Harriet B. Dowlin, part pay on note,	12 19
25.	William Turner, payment of note,	90 66
27.	Peter Benton, assistance transient pauper,	5 00
30.	Joseph C. Currier, Mrs. Howard Neal and family,	2 65

Jan.	30.	By cash paid G. B. R. Watkins, Sup. School Committee,	6 00
	30.	Joseph C. Currier, labor on highway,	8 00
Feb.	3.	George S. Prescott, over tax on lumber,	3 90
	5.	Albert S. Eaton, bal of school money,	15 84
	6.	Ira H. Eaton, payment of note,	219 50
	8.	J. Albert Peasley, bal school money,	50 41
	13.	Franklin Smith, keeping transient paupers,	1 00
	14.	Joshua Eaton, payment of two notes,	587 80
	15.	B. P. Richards, medical attendance, Geo. A. Pike,	37 50
	15.	Daniel F. Muzzey, bal school money,	38 65
	15.	Mary R. West, part payment on note,	15 00
	16.	John S. Davis, support of Preston W. Davis,	20 00
	19.	Jonathan Peasley, damage done to shop,	12 00
	20.	Mason B. Presby, balance of school money,	85 88
	21.	Lydia Brown, payment of note,	613 15
	22.	Barnum B. Barnes, payment of note,	205 73
	24.	James M. Blodgett, board of Jos. P. Stiles,	8 00
	24.	Allen Cressy, repairing bridge and cutting ice,	3 00
	24.	Hollis C. Brockway, B. Farnum, non-resident tax,	3 18
	24.	James M. Hoyt, plank and labor on Gulf Hill,	19 75
	24.	L. A. Eaton, keeping transient paupers and cash paid,	3 00
	24.	D. L. Guernsey, stationery,	3 10
	24.	Lucy Ann Presby, part payment on note,	30 00

Feb. 24.	By cash paid	George Jones, rent of pasture,	50 00
24.		Prudence E. Jones, part payment on note,	57 94
24.		Stephen Folsom, payment of three notes,	549 27
26.		H. C. Felch, balance school money, U. S. No. 1,	377 74
26.		George S. Dunfield, balance salary, Agent of Poor Farm,	112 50
27.		Ward L. Day, support water trough,	3 00
27.		T. P. Jones, cash paid non-resident highway receipts;	9 47
27.		T. P. Jones, collecting Taxes 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, to date,	78 62
28.		Dan'l G. Peasley, bridge plank,	8 13
28.		Daniel G. Peasley, support of water trough,	3 00
28.		Joshua Eaton, labor on road and bridge,	8 85
28.		Francis M. Farley, pay note,	320 54
28.		Susannah B. Holmes, payment of note,	34 27
28.		Joshua Eaton, Committee on Soldiers' Claims,	19 50
28.		Jackson Putney, support of Judith Putney,	15 00
29.		Jesse Carr, repairs on Town House,	1 89
29.		L. Littlehale, board of Selectmen,	9 80
29.		Joshua Eaton, services as selectman,	109 70
29.		Addison S. Cressy, services as selectman,	100 00
29.		Joseph C. Currier, services as selectman,	88 00
29.		John W. Morse, services as Treasurer,	40 00

Amounting to the sum of	\$18,338 88
Cash remaining in the hands of Treasurer,	743 68

Amounting to the sum of	\$19,082 56
Which balances the account.	

JOHN W. MORSE.

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN BY THE SELECTMEN:

The total debt of the town up to March 1, 1872.	\$42,851 42
Outstanding bills against the town estimated at.	100 00
Total liability,	<hr/> \$42,951 42

Amount due Town.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$743 68
Uncollected taxes on T. P. Jones' book, of 1871,	4,766 13
" " " " 1870,	577 44
" " " " 1869,	87 20
" " " " 1868,	11 72
" " " " 1867,	86 68
" " on W. P. Peaslee's " 1866,	27 67
Due from U. S. Government,	1,998 00
State, (War Bonds,)	8,350 00
City of Concord, bank tax,	9 33
City of Manchester, bank tax,	16 83
T. K. West, Jr.,	12 00
Hazen Presby,	138 99
Amounting to,	<hr/> \$16,825 67
Which deducting from the amount of liability leaves	
the town indebted in the sum of,	26,125 75
	<hr/> \$42,951 42

JOSHUA EATON, } *Selectmen*
 ADDISON S. CRESSY, } *of*
 JOSEPH C. CURRIER, } *Bradford.*

Your Committee have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and the books of the Selectmen for the past year, and find them in good order, have compared their vouchers, cast their figures, and find them all correct.

CHAS. F. DAVIS, } *Auditing*
 J. J. BLAISDELL, } *Committee.*
 WM. O. HEATH, }

Bradford, N. H., Feb. 29, 1872.

Memorandum showing the standing of the Poor Farm for the year ending, March 1, 1872.

We find the Farm chargeable as follows :

To Farm as per invoice of 1871,	\$2,000 00
personal property, “	1,670 55
cash paid George Jones, rent of pasture,	50 00
“ Agent’s salary,	225 00
“ expenses of farm,	284 36
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	\$4,229 91

We find the Farm entitled to the following credits :

By Farm as per invoice of 1872,	\$2,000 00
personal property, “	1,122 02
“ “ “	90 92
keeping transient paupers,	6 00
“ J. P. Stiles, county pauper,	22 67
produce sold from farm,	376 45
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	\$3,618 06

Which leaves a balance against the town of, \$611 85

The number of paupers supported on the farm the present year, two and one-fourth.

There has been paid for support of paupers off the farm the past year the sum of \$130.50 as follows :

Mrs. George W. Haskell,	67 00
“ John Putney,	58 50
“ Onslo Hoyt,	5 00
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	\$130 50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA EATON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ADDISON S. CRESSY,	
JOSEPH C. CURRIER,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Bradford.</i>

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Bradford:

According to the usual custom and the legislative enactments which govern the same, herewith accept my final report of the condition of your schools.

The schools have as a whole made considerable proficiency, possibly more in their studies, than in their respectful demeanor. It is a matter of deep regret that whilst the intellects of our scholars are being developed by the best teachers we can procure, that they are very deficient in that want of respect, for elders and superiors, which was a prominent feature in the education of our ancestors, which prove to all well balanced minds that this is a very serious defect in the educational system of to-day, the fault does not arise from the want of discipline at school wholly, but comes from the condition of things, the growing carelessness of parents in their government at home. As no teacher is considered fit to teach unless they can govern, so no parent can expect a remedy for this evil, until they first teach their children respect at home. Do not understand me that all are so, there are many noble exceptions.

Length of Terms. As regards the number of weeks most profitable for any school, your committee believes that ten weeks are amply sufficient for any term, and when there is money enough for thirty weeks schooling it should be divided into three terms. This is worthy of your consideration; it is

also suggested that the time should be so arranged that all schools should close by the 16th or the 23d day of February, thus enabling the Committee sufficient time, to make out a careful report of them to you, which is required by law the first day of March, and has given your committee the past two years barely time to write it, much less give it that consideration which the case demands, "as brevity is the soul of wit" let me refer you to the report of your committee for 1870, which covers many of the defects that exist to-day.

REPORT BY DISTRICTS.

District No. 1. Mason B. Presby, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Taught by Miss Ella F. Presby, who was deeply interested in the welfare of her scholars and was eminently successful.

Winter Term—taught by Miss Lizzie M. Morse. Entering into the spirit of her duties with a zeal commendable, she commanded the respect of her scholars, and they made very creditable advancement. If the farmers of this town work with as much zeal as the little scholars did in singing the Farmer's Song the result will be very encouraging.

District No. 2. Edwin Nichols, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Winter Terms—taught by Miss. Hannah M. Eaton. A very successful teacher, it is sufficient to state that she has instructed in this district four consecutive terms.

District No. 3. (Union No. 1.) Horace C. Felch, Eben Stevens and Jacob C. Jones, Prudential Committee.

Grammar Department. Summer Term—taught by Miss Augusta H. Eaton. The universal satisfaction which her labors always produce, is a sufficient guarantee of her ability.

Winter Term—taught by Mr. Charles F. Bates. Worthy and well qualified, he bids fair to become one of the most thorough teachers in the county, his school was orderly and successful.

District No. 4. Henry Piper, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—taught by Miss M. Augusta Jones a diligent and faithful teacher and her school prospered accordingly

Winter Term—taught by Mr. Edward A. Wood. Well quali-

fied to instruct, and laboring for the interest of his scholars, marked improvement was the result.

District No. 5. Prescott Colby, Prudential Committee.

Fall or Winter Term—taught by Miss Annie M. Pierce, an able and efficient teacher. The people of this district get the best talent, and notwithstanding the short terms their schools thrive.

District No. 6. J. Albert Peaslee, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—taught by Miss Kate J. Presby, one of our best teachers, schools always a success.

Winter Term—taught by Mr. John P. Brown, the result of his work was very satisfactory.

District No. 7. George W. Murdough, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—taught by Miss Marion C. Bixby. School was very small and a short term to instruct; am satisfied no time was wasted.

Winter Term—taught by Miss Annie M. McAllister. This was her first term, with only two scholars, she evinced marked ability, and with experience, will make a first class teacher.

District No. 8. Daniel Muzzey, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—taught by Miss Annie M. Pierce. Under her management, this school was very profitable to the district.

Winter Term—taught by Mr. Fred M. Colby. Not able to tell of the success of this school, as your committee was not notified concerning it.

District No. 9. (*Union No. 1.*) Primary Department.

Summer and Winter Terms—taught by Miss Sarah A. Cheney. Admirably adapted to the position, with deep interest in the work, she instructs and governs with the best results.

District No. 10. James Hoyt, Prudential Committee.

Fall or Winter term—taught by Miss Hattie M. Nichols—with more experience she will make a very excellent teacher—recitations in this school good.

District No. 11. James M. Blodgett, Prudential Committee.

Winter Term—taught by Mr. Fred E. Lear; this being his first term, he lacked the experience necessary for a good teacher, he however labored hard and was quite successful.

District No. 12. Albert S. Eaton, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Winter Terms—taught by Miss Lizzie L. Brown. A smart, capable and intelligent teacher, her schools were prosperous.

In conclusion your committee must state that he has omitted much that might be said which is perhaps equally as important as this, which in the foregoing report he asks your earnest attention, certain irregularities, plain and direct violations of the statutes seemingly harmless, yet indicating a disregard of duties incumbent both on teachers and committees, to which your attention has been respectfully called in a previous report, cannot be ignored without being detrimental to the interests of the town, county and State, but also pernicious in its influence on the whole school system, and he appeals to every man in every district to apply the remedy.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. DAVIS, Committee.

Bradford, N. H., March 2, 1872.

STATISTICAL TABLE.—SUMMER TERM.

No. of District.	District.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Scholars.	Average attend'ce.	No. of times tardy.	No. not attending.	Length in weeks.	Wages per month including board.	No. of Visitors.	Remarks.
1	Center.	Ella F. Presby.	21	12 5	5	4	10	20 00	27	
2	West.	Hannah M. Eaton.	13	13	0	1	9	20 00	31	
3	Union 1.	Angusta H. Eaton.	22	17 7	21	0	10.5	36 00	82	Grammar Department.
4	Pond.	M. Augusta Jones.	13	11 7	7	0	5	22 00	36	
5	Colby.									No Summer Term.
6	Plain.	Kate J. Presby.	15	13 6	0	2	12	20 00	24	
7	Andrews'.	Marion C. Bixby.	4	3 7	0	0	4.5	18 00	8	
8	Melvin's.	Annie M. Pierce.	5	4 5	1	0	8	24 00	44	Primary Department.
9	Union 1.	Sarah A. Cheney.	38	32	11	0	10 6	36 00	50	No Summer Term.
10	Springs.									No Summer Term.
11	Jewett's									No Summer Term.
12	Union.	Lizzie L. Brown.	1	1	0	10		22 00	11	

STATISTICAL TABLE.—WINTER TERM.

No. of District.	District.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	No. of times tardy.	No. not attending.	Length in weeks.	Wages per month, including board.	No. of Visitors.	Remarks.
1	Center.	M. Lizzie Morse.	32	28	60	1	12	38 00	62	Grammar Department.
2	West.	Hannah M. Eaton.	15	13	27	1	9	26 00	22	
3	Union 1.	Charles F. Bates.	38	29	312	0	15	50 00	46	
4	Pond.	Edward A. Wood.	26	21	25	3	10	36 00	29	
5	Colby.	Annie M. Pierce.	12	10	22	1	9	22 00	17	
6	Plain.	John P. Brown.	25	21	8	3	11	36 00	50	Union with No. 17, Warner Primary Department.
7	Andrews'	Annie M. McAllister	2	1	3	0	9	22 00	6	
8	Melvin's.	Fred M. Colby.	Register	33	not	re	turn ed.			
9	Union 1.	Sarah A. Cheney.	38	33	50	0	15	40 00	110	Union with No. 6, Newbury
10	Springs.	Hattie E. Nichols.	12	9	24	0	9	22 00	9	
11	Jewett's.	Fred. E. Lear.	11	9	12	0	9	32 00	9	
12	Union.	Lizzie L. Brown.	5	4	36	0	11	28 00	41	

The Literary Fund \$78.60, and the Dog Tax, \$108.00, was divided equally among the Districts, and is included in the above, or \$15.55 to each District.

Average Wages per Month :—Summer, \$24.22 ; Winter, \$32.00.

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